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Mr. Charles F. Cox, for many years a member of the American Microscopical Society, died in New York City recently. He was a Fellow of the American Association, of the Royal Microscopical Society, of the New York Academy, and a member of numerous other scientific societies. As treasurer of the New York Academy and of the New York Botanical Garden, and as a member of the Council or Board of Directors of other organizations, Mr. Cox contributed largely from a rich and successful business experience to the advancement of scientific work in this country. He was primarily a railroad man serving in important positions some of the greatest and most successful corporations of the United States; nevertheless he found time to devote to scientific studies. His book on Protoplasm and Life was his largest contribution to scientific literature, but numerous smaller papers and contributions presented at meetings of the scientific societies evince at once his interest in and capacity for scientific study. His work was done primarily in the microscopical structure of plant and animals and the fundamental relations of these to the theory of evolution.

Mr. Cox' career is a splendid example of that contribution to scientific advancement common in the old world, and especially in England, but unfortunately rare on this continent. Science can ill afford to lose such services and we may hope that the example of such a life will be a stimulus to pointing out one way in which investigation may be effectively furthered by those who are not primarily devoted to it.